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This Amendment is in response to a Final Office Action mailed September 8, 2004. Applicant conducted a telephone conference with the Examiner and has amended the claims in accordance with the points raised during the telephone conference, most notably (1) the positioning of the switch to intercept messages and (2) the transparency of the operations of the switch.

In order to facilitate the conclusion of the matter, the undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to discuss the allowability of the claims based on the limitations set forth in the claims, if further discussion would be beneficial to understanding the invention and/or clarifying certain limitations.

Respectfully submitted,

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